

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGUI 00206 051320Z

46

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 /022 W

----- 063741

O 051205Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6640

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 0206

STADIS//////////

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CT

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA

1. LED OFF BY MESSAGE FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHIEFS OF STATE ARE BEGINNING TO POUR INTO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WITH RESPECT TO FEBRUARY 3 ATTACK ON PRESIDENT BOKASSA.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH CAR FOR BOKASSA ALSO TO RECEIVE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD. THIS WOULD ALSO CONTRAST WITH SOVIETS WHO NOT LIKELY TO SEND MESSAGE WHEREAS MOST WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES WILL.

3. SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DEPARTMENT/WHITE HOUSE CONSIDERATION. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT IT WAS WITH PROFOUND DISBELIEF AND CONSTERNATION THAT I LEARNED OF THE VIOLENT ATTACK MADE UPON YOU THIS WEEK. MRS. FORD AND I WISH TO JOIN YOUR MANY FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD IN EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT THIS IGNOBLE ACT AND OUR GREAT RELIEF THAT YOU WERE UNHARMED. I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE COURAGE AND CALM YOU DISPLAYED IN THE MIDST OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND TO SEND YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN PEOPLE OUR SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE

4. WOULD APPRECIATE AN APPROVED TEXT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 6.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGUI 00206 051320Z

SWING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, THREATS, CONDOLENCE MESSAGES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 FEB 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** coburnhl  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976BANGUI00206  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760044-0149  
**From:** BANGUI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760281/aaaacsov.tel  
**Line Count:** 61  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** STADIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** STADIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** coburnhl  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <23 JUN 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <04 OCT 2004 by coburnhl>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, CT, (BOKASSA, JEAN BEDEL), (D ESTAING, GISCARD)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006